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APPARATUS FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING
VIRUSES, SOLUBLE PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES FROM
PLANT SOURCES"
OUR DOCKET NO. N7815**

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Viruses, Soluble Proteins and Peptides from Plant Sources

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**VIA FACSIMILE NO. 703-308-4242**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-39 for examination. Further to the requirements set out in the Official Action, Applicant elects Species B for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally allowable. The claims relating to Species B are Claims 11-12, 33-35 and 37, in addition to the generic claims, Claims 1-10, 13-32, 36, 38 and 39.

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Although Applicant does not acquiesce in the Restriction Requirement, this election is being made in order to facilitate prosecution. Early consideration and allowance of the above claims is believed appropriate and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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